

# Primary Sources Packet: Survival cont.

## Document Two

"On the Homefront: Oral and Charles Cheney," 2003 (excerpt)  
*American Experience*, PBS

### Western Union Telegram

WASHINGTON DC 502PM JAN 2 1943

MRS ETTA CHENEY

BOX 205 BERNALILLO NMEX.

YOUR SON CORPORAL CHARLES E CHENEY COAST ARTILLERY CORPS REPORTED A PRISONER OF WAR OF THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT IN THE PHILIPPINE ISLANDS PERIOD LETTER FOLLOWS.

ULIO THE ADJUTANT GENERAL  
350PM

### Form Letter

War Department

The Adjutant General's Office

Washington

In reply refer to: AG 201 Cheney, Charles E. (12-30-42) PC-G 365076-1

January 5, 1943

Mrs. Etta Cheney

Box 205,

Bernalillo, New Mexico.

Dear Mrs. Cheney:

Report has been received that your son, Corporal Charles E. Cheney, 38,012,383, Coast Artillery Corps, is now a prisoner of war of the Japanese Government in the Philippine Islands. This will confirm my telegram of January 2, 1943.

The Provost Marshal General, Prisoner of War Information Bureau, Washington, D.C., will furnish you the address to which mail may be sent. Any future correspondence in connection with his status as a prisoner of war should be addressed to that office.

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Very truly yours,

J.A. ULIO  
Major General,  
The Adjutant General

1 Inclosure  
Memorandum re financial benefits

## Imperial Japanese Army Post Card

[undated]

From: Charles E. Cheney

Nationality: American

Rank: Cpl.

Camp: Phil. Military Prison Camp #2

To: Mr. C. D. Cheney

Bernalillo, New Mexico, U.S.A.

[stamped: U.S. Censorship, Examined by 217]

[fill-in-the-blanks card; Charles' typed comments are in bold.]

1. I am interned at: **Phil. Military Prison Camp #2**
2. My health is: **excellent**; good; fair; poor.
3. I am -- uninjured; sick in hospital; under treatment; **not under treatment.**
4. I am -- improving; not improving; better; **well.**
5. Please see that: **Your letter is sent to this address**
6. (Re: Family): **Take care of everyone**
7. Please give my best regards to: **All my friends.**